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[TO: Elias Carr, Old Sparta,  
N.C.]

Lenoir, N. C. January 11. 1897

Hon. Elias Carr,

My dear Governor:

At this, the closing hours of your administration as our chief magistrate, I desire to add my tribute to your faithfulness and earnestness in discharge of duty, and to say to you that our people are well pleased with your wise and consistent course as Governor.

I am especially gratified for your kind words in behalf of the State Normal and Industrial School and hope the legislature will carry out your suggestions in regard to the appropriation as contained in your message, and although not a member of the Board, as now constituted, they still retained me as secretary, and I am, and always will be, interested in the success of the institution. It is the grandest work of a public nature now carried on by the State.

That the people of North Carolina have elected such men to take the places of you and others

is much deplored by our good people  
of Caldwell county and I fear the worst  
results. What is the matter with the people?

Wishing for you and yours much happiness  
and a long life of usefulness,

I have the honor to be

Very truly yours

J. M. Spainhour.